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House Resolution 667

By: Representatives Glanton of the 76th, Starr of the 78th, and Jordan of the 77th

## **A RESOLUTION**

- 1 Commending the Clayton State University Lady Lakers basketball team and inviting them
- 2 to appear before the House of Representatives; and for other purposes.
- 3 WHEREAS, the 2007 Clayton State University Lady Lakers basketball team has established
- 4 a standard of athletic excellence with equal emphases on character and academics; and
- 5 WHEREAS, this superlative team completed a whirlwind season, ending with the best record
- 6 in school history concluding with an astonishing 29-6 record, earning its first trip ever to the
- 7 NCAA Women's Division II Final Four; and
- 8 WHEREAS, the road to the Final Four was long and difficult, but the Lady Lakers are the
- 9 2007 Peach Belt Conference Champions; 2007 Peach Belt Tournament Champions; and 2007
- 10 South Atlantic Regional Champions, and the team earned an appearance at the NCAA
- 11 Division II Elite 8 tournament in Kearney, Nebraska; and
- 12 WHEREAS, the 2007 Clayton State University Lady Lakers included the following
- 13 outstanding athletes: Kim Lloyd, Sharon Wiles, Tamara Layton, Marie St. Fort, Basia
- 14 Bukowska, Roberta Phillips, Crystal Brown, Shantel Ragin, Lynette Jackson, Nikkisha
- 15 Pritchett, Alecia Humphrey, and Tracey Browne; and
- 16 WHEREAS, the phenomenal performance of the team is a clear indication of the outstanding
- 17 athletic ability, the dedication and hard work, and the unity of purpose and spirit of each
- 18 member; their superb offensive and defensive talents; the astute direction of Head Coach
- 19 Dennis Cox and Assistant Coaches Shannon Reid, Kaleena Coleman, and Carlie Anderson;
- 20 and the sustained support of University President Dr. Thomas K. Harden and Athletic
- 21 Director Mason Barfield; and
- 22 WHEREAS, the Lady Lakers have brought honor to Clayton State University, Clayton
- 23 County, the City of Morrow, and the State of Georgia by playing with inspiring

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1 determination throughout this season and giving a spectacular performance in the NCAA

- 2 Women's Division II Final Four; and
- 3 WHEREAS, as this magnificent team earned its well-deserved reputation for excellence by
- 4 performing with courage and precision over months of pain and hard work, it is abundantly
- 5 proper to call them champions.
- 6 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
- 7 the members of this body recognize the Clayton State University Lady Lakers basketball
- 8 team for its unparalleled determination, tenacity, and character; commend Coach Dennis Cox
- 9 on his third season of dedicated coaching at Clayton State University; and extend their
- sincerest best wishes for continued success.
- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the players and coaches of the Clayton State University
- 12 Lady Lakers basketball team are hereby invited to appear before the House of
- Representatives at a date and time to be fixed by the Speaker of the House for the purposes
- of being recognized by the House and receiving an appropriate copy of this resolution.